REDUCING MISHAPS

How we lost a platoon of Marines

Rank	Age	Day	Hour	Vehicle	Seatbelt/ Helmet	Alcohol	State	Sex	Fatigue	Speed
Pvt.	19	Su	0500	4-wheel		Yes	CA	M		
PFC	21	We	1400	4-wheel			NC	F		
SSgt.	28	We	1400	4-wheel			NC	M		
GySgt.	40	Su	1100	4-wheel	No		SC	M		
Sgt.	24	Mo	1600	MC			CA	M		
MSgt.	39	Tu	2400	4-wheel		Yes	GA	M		
Pvt.	20	Su	2000	4-wheel	No		FL	M		
Cpl.	22	Su	2200	MC	No		HI	M		
PFC	19	Sa	0400	4-wheel		Yes	NC	M		
Cpl.	22	Su	0500	4-wheel	No	Yes	NY	M		
Sgt.	28	Su	0800	4-wheel	No		AZ	M	Yes	Yes
LCpl.	21	We	2400	4-wheel			TN	M		
PFC	19	Th	0400	4-wheel			FL	M	Yes	
Cpl.	21	Th	1500	4-wheel			NY	M		
Cpl.	25	Su	0300	4-wheel	No	Yes	NC	M		
LCpl.	28	Fr	2200	4-wheel	No		NC	M		Yes
Cpl.	27	Su	1400	4-wheel			CA	M		Yes
GySgt.	36	Fr	2400	4-wheel	No	Yes	NC	M	Yes	
Cpl.	24	Th	0200	4-wheel	No	Yes	MI	M		Yes
LCpl.	20	Su	0800	4-wheel	No		NC	M	Yes	Yes
LCpl.	21	Fr	0700	4-wheel			VA	M	Yes	
PFC	18	Mo	2300	4-wheel	No	Yes	FL	M	Yes	
LCpl.	20	Mo	2000	4-wheel			NC	F		
LCpl.	21	Tu	1900	MC			CA	M		
PFC	23	Sa	0700	4-wheel	Unkpown	Drugs	CA	M	Yes	
LCpl.	20	Tu	0600	4-wheel			NC	M		
LCpl.	19	Sa	0600	4-wheel		Yes	CA	M		
LCpl.	24	Su	0300	4-wheel	No		WS	M		
LCpl.	19	Th	2200	4-wheel	No		NC	M		
Sgt.Maj.	45	Sa	1900	MC	No	Yes	SC	M		
LCpl.	20	Su	0600	4-wheel	No	Yes	CA	M	Yes	
LCpl.	21	Mo	1500	4-wheel		Unknown	SC	M		
LCpl.	27	Tu	2400	4-wheel	No		NC	M		Yes
LCpl.	20	Tu	0600	4-wheel			NC	M		
LCpl.	24	Tu	0600	4-wheel			NC	M		
LCpl.	26	Th	2300	MC			CA	M		
LCpl.	22	Su	2000	4-wheel	No	Yes	NC	M		
LCpl.	21	Mo	0500	4-wheel		Yes	GA	M		
PFC	21	Tu	0400	4-wheel			AL	M	Yes	
LCpl.	22	Su	0200	4-wheel		Yes	CA	M		Yes
DT3	21	Tu	0600	4-wheel			CA	M		
LCpl.	22	Sa	0100	MC		Yes	HI	M		
PFC	19	Sa	0400	4-wheel			PA	M	Yes	
Sgt.	28	Fr	1700	4-wheel			PA	M		
Cpl.	20	Sa	0700	4-wheel			WV	M		
LCpl.	22	Sa	2400	Ped		Yes	NC	M		
SSgt.	27	We	1500	4-wheel	No		FL	M		
LCpl.	20	Fr	2300	MC	No	Yes	LA	M		
Sgt.	23	Su	0300	Ped		Yes	NC	M		
PFC	21	Sa	0300	4-wheel			MS	M		
PFC	21	Sa	0300	4-wheel			MS	M		
Cpl.	19	Mo	2100	Ped			CA	F		
Sgt.	25	Fr	2300	4-wheel		Yes	TX	M		
LCpl.	19	Sa	0100	4-wheel		Yes	NC	M		
Cpl.	21	Sa	2400	4-wheel	No		CA	M		

This Issue of the Safety Corner Highlights Non-Combat Injuries.

The bar has been raised and the challenge conveyed by the Secretary of the Navy: "Reduce mishaps across the services by 75% in FY08", a challenge that Marines and Sailors should take to heart.

This issue of the MCCLL Safety Corner takes another look at non combat fatalities and injuries sustained by service members in support of the Global War On Terror, plus providing an update on this year's Critical Days of Summer Campaign.

Unfortunately, according to casualty and medical reports, non-combat injuries and illnesses are now the number one hazard in Iraq. Fortunately, most injuries are treated effectively, and most military members who suffer injuries eventually return to full duty. What's even more encouraging (or discouraging depending on how you look at it) is that many non-combat injuries can be prevented if you use and follow proper safety precautions.

The major causes of non-combat injuries are still injuries from sports, motor vehicle accidents, and falls, while the leading causes of non-combat deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan have been accidents and self inflicted injuries. Use these statistics to raise the awareness of Marines and Sailors concerning the potential for accidents and to take appropriate steps to reduce the risk where possible. Play hard, fight smart and keep complacency at bay. I look forward to your comments, observations, and concerns.

Semper Fidelis,

Col Monte Dunard, Director MCCLL

Non-Combat Injuries April 2008 thru 21 July 2008

- 21 JUL 08 LCpl MARINE HIT HIS HEAD ON ROCK PLAYING FOOTBALL.
- 21 JUL 08 LCpl MARINE WAS SERIOUSLY INJURIED IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT.
- 20 JUL 08 LCpl MARINE CUT HIS ARM ON A PIECE OF GLASS AND SEVERED HISARTERY.
- 20 JUL 08 Sgt MARINE FOUND UNCONCIOUS ON ROADSIDE WITH MULTIPLE INJURIES AS A RESULT OF A MOTORCYCLE ACCDENT.
- 15 JUL 08 SSgt MARINE SUSTAINED A JOINT SEPARATION CONDUCTING MCMAP TRAINING.
- 14 JUL 08 LCpl MARINE FRACTURED RIGHT TIBIA AND FIBULA WHILE FAST ROPING.
- 14 JUL 08 Sgt MARINE FLIPPED OVER ON DIRT BIKE AND BROKE TWO BONES IN HIS RIGHT ANKLE.
- 08 JUL 08 PFC MARINE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AND SUSTAINED POSSIBLE SPINAL INJURIES.
- 07 JUL 08 Cpl MARINE BROKE HIS FINGER PLAYING BASKETBALL.
- 03 JUL 08 Sgt MARINE LOST HIS BALANCE AND FELL HANGING A PICTURE.
- 29 JUN 08 LCpl MARINE SUSTAINED INTERNAL INJURIES TO HIS BOWEL FROM VEHICLE ACCIDENT.
- 25 JUN 08 LCpl MARINE SUSTAINED BROKEN ARM, LEG, AND MULTIPLE LACERATIONS IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT.
- 22 JUN 08 LCpl MARINE SUSTAINED A FRACTURED HUMERUS TO RIGHT ARM, FRACTURED HUMERUS TO LEFT ARM, ROAD RASH ON RIGHT KNEE AND LEFT FOOT IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT.
- 20 JUN 08 LCpl MARINE SUSTAINED FOUR FACIAL FRACTURES IN A FIGHT.
- 20 JUN 08 LCpl MARINE SUSTAINED BURNS TO 55% OF HIS BODY DURING A TANK LIVE FIRE EXERCISE.

Non-Combat Injuries (continued)

- 17 JUN 08 PO2 SAILOR CRUSHED RIGHT FINGER WHEN HER HAND WAS SLAMMED IN A DUMP TRUCK BED.
- 14 JUN 08 LCpl MARINE FRACTURED RIGHT ANKLE CONNECTING A HOWITZER TO A 7 TON MTVR.
- 13 JUN 08 Cpl MARINE FRACTURED RIGHT ANKLE REFUELING A CH-53E.
- 12 JUN 08 LCpl MARINE SUSTAINED NON-SPIRAL FRACTURE OF HIS LEFT FIBULA CONDUCTING MCMAP.
- 19 JUN 08 LCpl SUSTAINED A GRADE III CONCUSSION WHEN HE WAS PUSHED AND HIT HIS HEAD ON THE GROUND.
- 09 JUN 08 Sgt MAIRNE CAUGHT HIS RIGHT ARM IN THE TURRET OF A LAV-25 BREAKING HIS CLAVICAL AND BRUISED HIS RIGHT
- 15 MAY 08 SSgt MARINE SUSTAINED DAMAGE TO HIS ANKLE AND LEG IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT.
- 18 MAY 08 LCpl MARINE SUSTAINED LACERATIONS AND POSSIBLE INTERNAL INJURIES IN A PMV ACCIDENT.
- 06 JUN 08 LCpl MARINE SUSTAINED A SNAKE BITE PARTICIPATING IN A COBRA SHOW.
- 13 MAY 08 LCpL MARINE SUSTAINED GUNSHOT TO RIGHT FOOT FROM A NEGLIGENT DISCHARGE.
- 05 MAY 08 LCpl MARINE SUSTAINED LACERATION TO RIGHT KNEE AND PUNCTURE WOUNDS FROM SCRAPING HIS KNEE ON AN EXPOSED METAL SCREW.
- 02 MAY 08 PFC MARINE SUSTAINED HEAD TRAUMA AND INTERNAL INJURIES AFTER
- FALLING FROM THE 4TH DECK OF HIS BEQ.
- 01 MAY 08 Cpl MARINE SUSTAINED COMPOUND FRACTURE TO HIS LEFT ARM AFTER
- ATTEMPTING TO SCALE A WALL.
- 28 APR 08 MARINE SUSTAINED BROKEN LEG, SPINAL FRACTURE IN HMMWV
- ROLLOVER.
- 23 APR 08 Cpl MARINE SUSTAINED GUNSHOT (CLEANING WEAPON) TO LEG
- SHATTERING HIS LEFT TIBIA AT MID-CALF.
- 21 APR 08 CWO2 MARINE SUSTAINED UNKNOWN HEAD TRAUMA IN MOTORCYCLE
- ACCIDENT.

Non-Combat Injuries (continued)

- 21 APR 08 Cpl MARINE DISCOVERED ON ROADSIDE WITH COMPOUND FRACTURE TO RIGHT ARM, LACERATION TO THE FACE,
- AND A BROKEN LEFT LEG.
- 21 APR 08 PFC MARINE SUSTAINED ABDOMINAL AND BACK INJURIES IN SINGLE
- VEHICLE ACCIDENT.
- 21 APR 08 PFC MARINE SUSTAINED SEVERE FRACTURES TO THE SKULL IN
- SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT.
- 21 APR 08 MARINE SPRAINED ANKLE WHILE RUNNING.
- 19 APR 08 MARINE LACERATED SHIN ON GYM EQUIPMENT WHILE WORKING
- OUT.
- 18 APR 08 MARINE SUSTAINED AN ANKLE INJURY PLAYING BASKETBALL.
- 16 APR 08 SSgt MARINE SUSTAINED SEVERAL BROKEN RIBS AND FRACTURED VERTEBRA WHEN HE LOST CONTROL OF THE
- MOTORCYCLE HE WAS RIDING.
- 14 APR 08 MARINE CUT HIS FINGER WITH A KNIFE WHILE WORKING.
- 14APR 08 LCpl MARINE SUSTAINED INJURIES TO FINGERS ON HIS
- HAND MOVING A 55 GALLON DRUM.
- 12 APR 08 Cpl MARINE SUSTAINED FRACTURE AND TISSUE DAMAGE
- TO FINGER DURING M249 TRAINING.
- 09 APR 08 MARINE TRIPPED WHILE UNLOADING A TACTI CAL VEHICLE,
- INJURING HIS KNEE.
- 08 APR 08 MARINE FELL WHILE WRESTLING, SUSTAINED INJURY TO
- THE FACE.
- 07 APR 08 LCpl MARINE FELL OFF OF MTVR WHILE LOADING, SUSTAINING
- POSSIBLE HEAD AND BACK INJURIES.
- 04 APR 08 MARINE INJURED FINGER CLIMBING OUT OF MRAP.
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Actual events

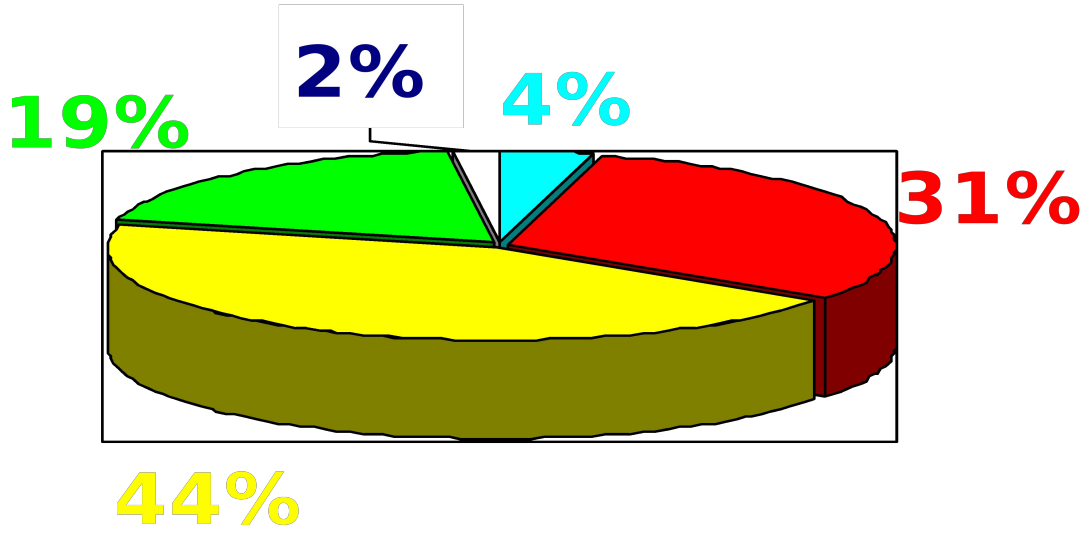
December 26, 2003

Two (2) Marines and a civilian friend worked out, went to the movies, then went out to a bar. On the way home, all three (3) were intoxicated, the civilian friend was the driver. At 0458 they came upon a 25mph curve at 55mph. One Marine died, the other is in a coma, the civilian friend in jail pending charges.

January 19, 2004

At 0950 one (1) Marine was killed in a car accident driving to see the Marine above in the hospital. Marine was struck on the driver's side by an intoxicated driver. The unrestrained Marine was partially thrown from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Marine Corps Off Duty Fatalities for fiscal year 2008



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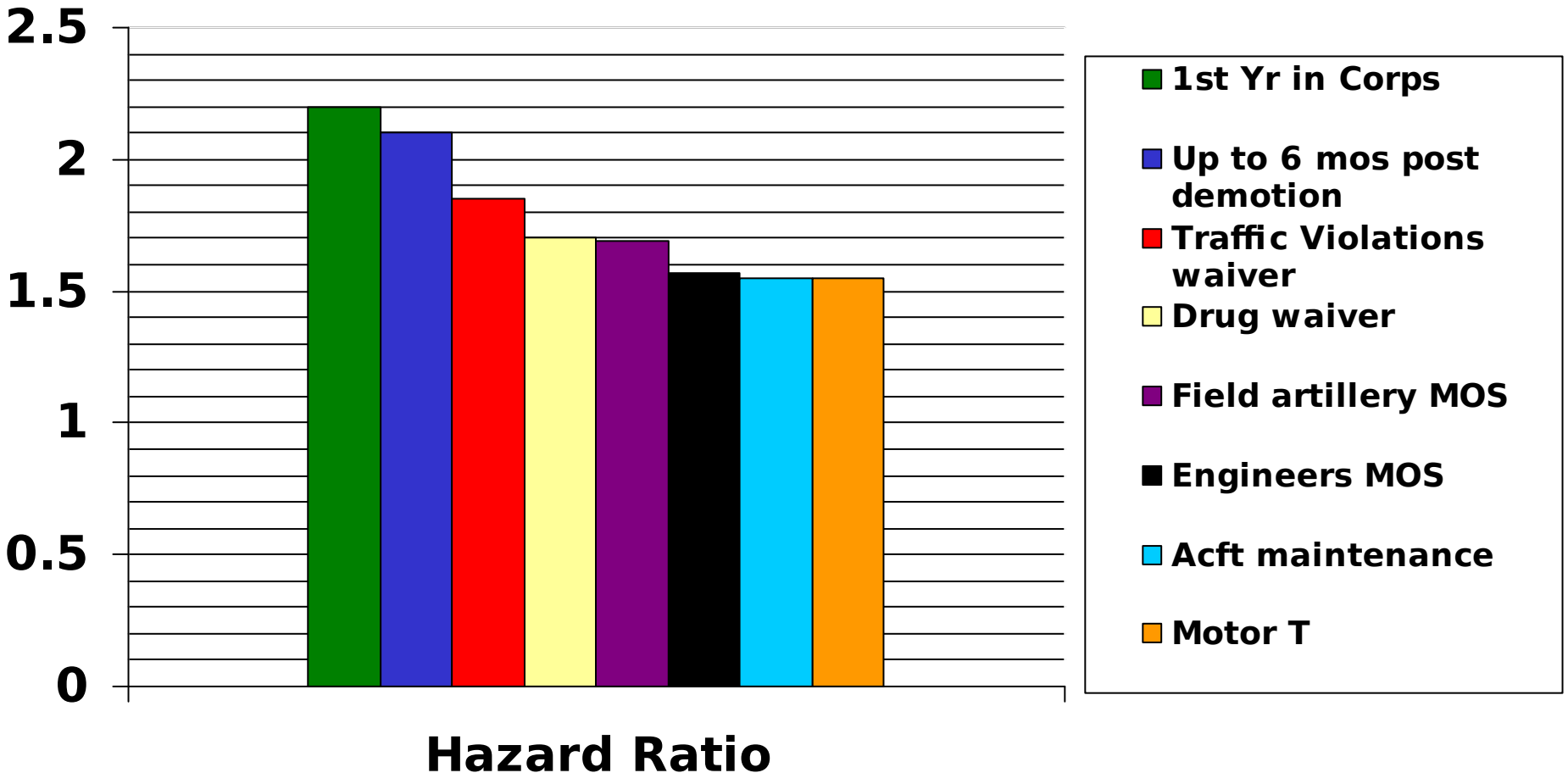

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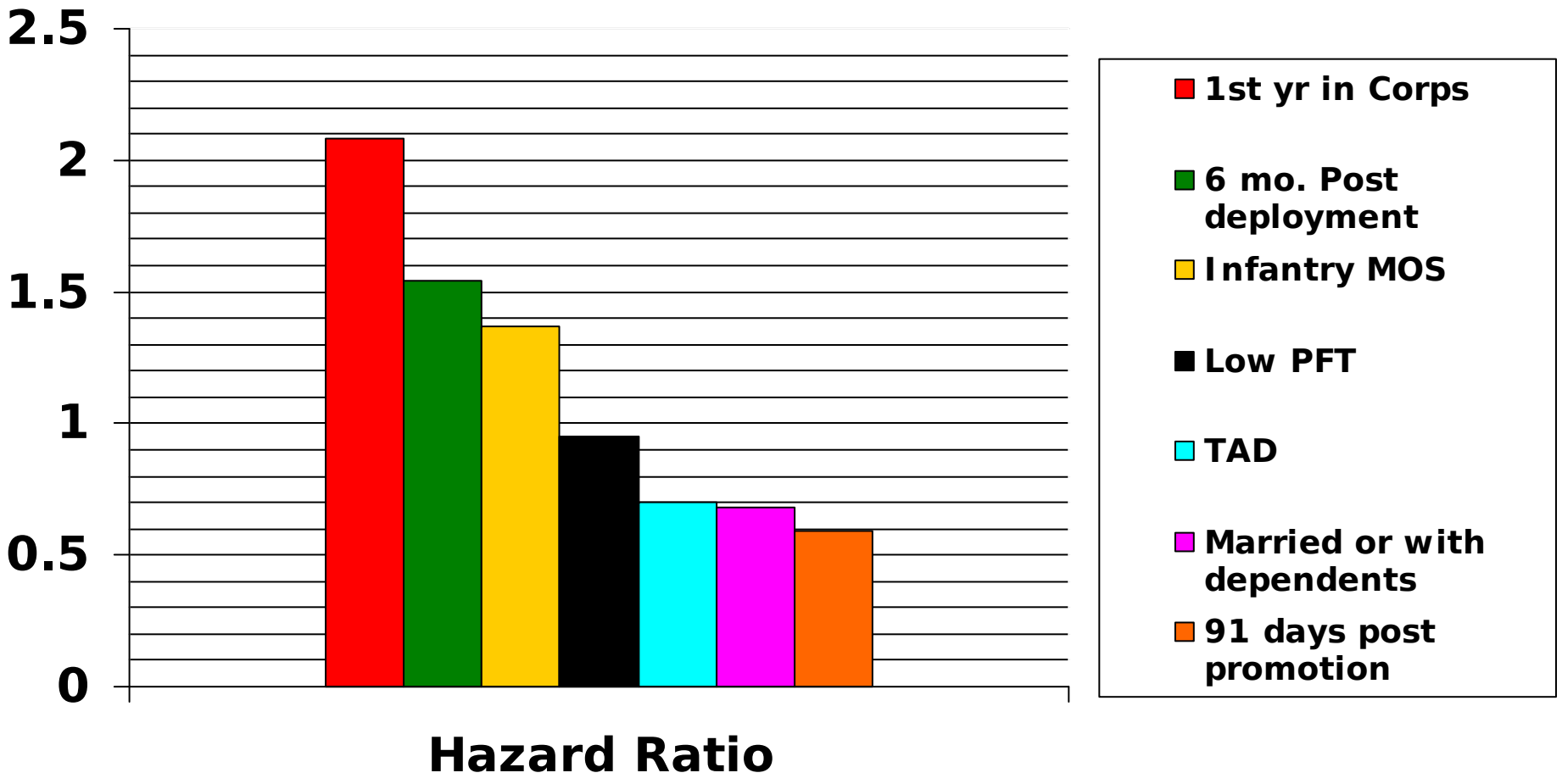

Mission

Threat

Resources

Mission

Reduce unnecessary off duty fatalities

- **08/02/19** Marine driving at high rate of speed wheel fell off vehicle hit a tree and died in ensuing fire.
- **08/07/26** Marine riding motorcycle died when he collided with parked car in parking area.
- **08/02/03** Marine died in single vehicle crash when ejected from vehicle.
- **07/11/17** Marine was leaving Ball and was run over crossing the street in a crosswalk.

THREA

Are you at risk?

- **Early career:**
  - Risk of death is twice as likely during last half of first year.
- **Post deployment:**
  - Twice the normal risk during first 6 months.
- **Demotion:**
  - Twice as likely 3-6 months after.
- **MOS groups:**
  - Aviation mechs, artillery and motor T are 37 – 69 % higher risk.

Are you at risk?

- **Location:**
  - Marines living on base have 21% higher risk.
- **Enlistment waivers:**
  - Individuals with history of drug use, traffic offenses or serious offenses have 66-83% increased risk.

RESOURCES

- Lectures and safety briefs at the base theater.
- Safety contracts.
- Vehicle inspection.

What are our alternatives?

EMPOWER THE NCO's

NCOs mission in force protection

- Is designed to increase the level of responsibility at the NCO level, thereby fostering active and accountable NCO involvement in mishap prevention.

Policies and procedures

- Guide leaders in identifying tracking and providing guidance to those Marines that exhibit characteristics and traits that may place them in greater risk for a mishap.

Leadership and efficiency

- Our NCOs will be used to build and provide for the welfare of all Marines and sailors within H&HS.

How do we do that ?

- By ensuring sufficient and appropriate NCO mentors are assigned.
- Ensure new joins are assigned to a mentor within three days of joining the squadron.
- Ensure NCOs are compliant with squadron orders concerning NCO empowerment.
- Maintain “Leadership Rosters” listing NCO and teams, keep list clearly posted for all hands to view.

How do we do that?

Develop an NCO mentorship program/risk categories.

- ✓ Know your Marine’s and look out for their welfare.
- ✓ Develop an internal system of tracking Marines while on liberty ie. Phone call upon arrival, phone call prior to departure for those who fall within the risk categories.
- ✓ Know your Marine’s background and habits.

NCO CREED

I am an NCO dedicated to training new Marines and influencing the old. I am forever conscious of each Marine under my charge, and by example I will inspire him to the highest standards possible. I will strive to be patient, understanding, just, and firm. I will commend the deserving and encourage the wayward.

I will never forget that I am responsible to my Commanding Officer for the morale, discipline and efficiency of my men and their performance will reflect a direct image of me.

NCO Leadership

NCO’s are the ones with most direct supervision of junior Marines, and know their Marine’s lifestyles the best.

A Marine’s first year in the Corps is the most dangerous time, and the most influential.

Liberty ?

(Remember Liberty is a privilege not a right)

- **Getting from point A to point B?**
- **What you do when you get there?**
- **How and when are you getting back?**

Getting There:

- **Overnight: 60 miles**
- **Weekend: 200 miles**
- **72: 300 miles**
- **96: 500 miles**
- **Leave: indefinite as long as you make it back on time for formation.**

When you Arrive:

- Enjoy yourself but remember where you come from.
- Act responsibly (don't be stupid).
- Uphold the standards of a Marine.

Do all of the above and you will reduce becoming a statistic.

Don't make this safety stand down your last!

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UNITED STATES ARMY
FEB. 27, 1914 — MARCH 20, 1968
BELOVED WIFE
MARGARET E. MURPHY
1ST LT., U. S. ARMY NURSE CORPS
OCT. 30, 1920 — JAN. 30, 1962

Coming Back:

- Make sure you have enough time.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Be sober & obey traffic regulations.

What are the Incentives

- ✓You stay out of trouble.
- ✓You are saving Marines lives.
- ✓ You gain the respect of your Marines.
- ✓ You earn the trust of your senior Enlisted / Officers.
- ✓ For your efforts you could earn ….

NCO Force Preservation Leadership Award

To provide and opportunity for any active duty Marine who over the course of the year provided positive leadership in saving Marine's lives.

Questions / Comments